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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach L. C. Cole and the 1999 Tennessee State University football team on winning the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of our great athletic teams, those that work hard, make necessary sacrifices, achieve success and provide entertainment for large numbers of fans; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 1999 Tennessee State University football team, which won the Ohio Valley Conference championship, is clearly one such team; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers compiled a perfect 7-0 OVC record this season; with victories against Eastern Illinois 43-25, Tennessee-Martin 43-7, Western Kentucky 28-21, Eastern Kentucky 33-28, Tennessee Tech 25-19, Murray State 42-41, and South East Missouri State 35-28; and

WHEREAS, their unblemished 11-0 regular season also included triumphs over Alabama State 41-8, Jackson State 48-33, Florida A & M 42-25, Alabama A & M 36-15; and

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WHEREAS, Tennessee State University participated in the N.C.A.A. Division 1-AA playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach L. C. Cole has added another glorious chapter to the Tigers' long tradition of gridiron excellence and prominence; his able assistants were: James Reese, the new head coach, Russ Ehrenfeld, Fred Kaiss, Andre Creamer, Anthony Owens, Jon Carr, Richard Freeman, Chris Scott, Mark Davis, Leon Moore, and J. C. Cole; and

WHEREAS, the members of this tremendously talented team were: Jamie Watkins, Deon Giddens, Julius Hull, Amariah Robb, Brent Sterling, Marquis Stephens, Scott Cunningham, Larry Floyd, Bennie Zeiger, Larry Henderson, Gabe DeLong, Tori Harmon, Leon Murray, Chris Perkins, Jermaine Smith, Patrick Jenkins, Jonathan Brown, Byron Holloman, Eric Joyce, Antonio Jones, Michael Durden, Anton Hector, Seth Goodowens, Batavia Weldon, Lamar Carter, Ahmed Safeeuliah, Brandon Johnson, Marvin Jones, Kelvin Simmons, Donell Brantley, Ed Sanders, Ande Durojaiye, Walter Reese, LaRon Key, Ligarious Jennings, Cory Greene, Ashley Johnson, Gino Jones, Elgin Smith, Errick McFarland, Chane Price, Timothy Key, Jermaine Beale, Brian Harris, Garr Holland, B. J. Fletcher, Michael McPherson, Carnell Myers, Curley Grayson, Wendall Williams, Kevin Jackson, Manny Robles, Lawrence Smith, Terrence Guyton, Juandale Cooper, Josiah Rugley, Bennie Anderson, Kenneth Ferguson, Antoine McNutt, Preston Ratiff, Ike Boone, Benedict Ibisi, Jason McAllister, Isiah Heyward, Michael Thompson, Hilton Horne, Corey Sullivan, Toriano Morgan, David Jones, Avion Black, Charles Ingram, Carlo Thomas, Eric Payne, Fred Sippial, Danny Roberson, David Clark, Thomas Graham, Mico Lassiter, Kelton Moore, Robert Davis, Orlando Dotson, and Luther Dollar; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Director Dr. Jim Smith has been very supportive; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially salute a memorable team, one which makes us "all so PROUD"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach L. C. Cole and the 1999 Tennessee State University football team on their many accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.